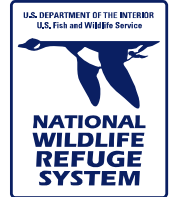


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2009-2010 HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES AT COASTAL DELAWARE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPLEX

Hunting, which is identified by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 as one of the six wildlife-dependent recreational uses on refuges, is a very popular form of recreation at the Coastal Delaware National Wildlife Refuge Complex, which consists of both Bombay Hook and Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuges. Complex Refuge Manager Michael Stroeh announced recently that there will be public hunting opportunities for deer, upland game & webless migratory birds, and waterfowl on both refuges during the 2009-2010 hunting season.

Application procedures for the preseason deer hunts at both refuges have changed. Applications will no longer be mailed but can be picked in person at the headquarter offices of both refuges. Completed applications for the October muzzleloader season must be received in person at the appropriate refuge office or postmarked no later than September 14, 2009. The application deadline for the rest of the firearms hunts is October 8, 2009. Applications will not be accepted over the telephone or available on the refuges' websites.

If you have any questions, please call Bombay Hook NWR at (302) 653-9345 or Prime Hook NWR at (302) 684-8419. Prime Hook NWR is located off of Rt. 16 (Broadkill Beach Rd.) on Turkle Pond in Milton, Delaware. Bombay Hook NWR is located off of Whitehall Neck Road in Smyrna, Delaware. A complete listing of hunting information and regulations can be accessed at <http://bombayhook.fws.gov> for Bombay Hook NWR or at <http://primehook.fws.gov> for Prime Hook NWR.

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